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In re application of

	Mark Lucovsky, et al.	))))
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For:	Accessing Heterogeneous Data In A Standardized Manner	)))
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

--46.   (New) In a computer system that manages two or more different types of data structures, each type of data structure being organized in accordance with a set of rules and corresponding to an identity, a method for directly operating on data structures in a generic manner regardless of the type of data structure being operated upon and without requiring dedicated executable code for manipulating data structures of the particular data type, the method comprising:

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